

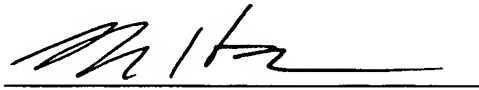
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Remarks

Claims 1, 4-13, 16, and 18-25 have been amended. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added with these amendments. It is believed that no fees, other than the filing fees for the application, are needed for submission of this communication; however, if any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. It is submitted that all the pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

Consideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' agent at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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